



Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
Monday, November 2, 2020
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Members and Alternates Present: Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Monica Driver, Monica Escalante, Travis Gayles, Leslie Graham, Michelle Hawkins, Amy Lindsey, Gina Maxham, Kimberley McBride, Kathy McCallum, Kate McGrail, Stephanie McKay, Beatrice Miller, Nguyen K. Nguyen, Jade-Ann Rennie, Cristina Sasaki, Jacquelyn Williams

Healthy Montgomery Staff: Chris Rogers, Vanessa Kachipande, Diana Tato-Nikdash, Karen Thompkins, Brittany Foushee, Rita Deng

Guests: Rya Griffis, Karen Gutierrez, Jessica Laigle, Patricia Maclay, Lynn Mejia, Patricia Reed, Anna Shao, Meghan Sontag, Sara Zarzecki, Linda McMillian, Samuel Oji, Chunfu Liu

Topic/Presenter	Key Points	Action Item/ Responsible Person
Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Travis Gayles</i>	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Dr. Gayles welcomed the group and encouraged members to turn on their video cameras.	N/A
Approval of Minutes <i>Dr. Gayles</i>	The September meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voiced consent with no edits.	Finalize the September meeting minutes. <i>HM Staff</i>
MCDHHS Health Officer's Comments <i>Dr. Gayles</i>	Dr. Gayles shared the following COVID-19 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local, state, and federal governments continue to coordinate COVID-19 response for vaccine acquisition, vaccine distribution, and contact tracing. States put together a COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan and submitted it to the CDC.• The vaccine distribution plan follows the National Academy of Medicine report. Vaccines will likely be a two-dose series.• COVID-19 infection is increasing nation-wide. There has been an increase in hospitalizations in Maryland and the County. Further restrictions may begin again to curb the increase in COVID-19 cases.• An increase in COVID-19 cases may be due to an increase in social gatherings, COVID-19 fatigue, and risk-reduction mentality.• COVID-19 testing centers are being held around the county and have increased testing capacity significantly. Pop-up testing events are also being held in high-risk areas and areas with high disease burden.	N/A

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	<p>Dr. Gayles shared additional health updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County continues to encourage flu shots and parents with school-aged children to keep up with vaccinations. • The County continues to focus on other priorities like HIV, Maternal and Child Health, and Diabetes. 	
<p>Maryland Diabetes Action Plan: Collaborating for Greater Impact <i>Lisa Ellis Marr, Anna Shao</i></p>	<p>Lisa Ellis Marr, from the Maryland Department of Health, and Anna Shao, with the University of Maryland Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, presented on the Maryland Diabetes Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See presentation slides 	N/A
<p>COVID-19 Efforts & Fall Programming <i>Cristina Sasaki</i></p>	<p>Cristina Sasaki, with Montgomery Parks, presented new features and events on the Montgomery County Parks COVID-19 website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socially distanced pop-up events, such as drive-in movies, picnics in the park, and the Montgomery County Gobbler Walk/Run can be found here. • Open trails and parks in the County can be found here. • Health and exercise events and resources organized by Montgomery County Parks can be found here. 	N/A
<p>Minority Health Initiatives & Programs Updates</p>	<p><i>Latino Health Initiative (LHI) – Ms. Monica Escalante</i> Ms. Escalante shared the <i>Salud y Bienestar Project</i> report which highlighted resources, services, and prevention information for COVID-19. This project integrates community organizations that serve the Latino community in the County through a variety of interactive online services. Additional details can be found on their website.</p> <p><i>Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI) – Dr. Nguyen Nguyen</i> The AAHI continues to connect with community organizations, such as faith-based services, to access Asian American communities and provide COVID-19 resources. The AAHI has also focused on connecting with interpreters to accurately deliver COVID-19 information.</p> <p><i>African American Health Program (AAHP) – Crystal DeVance-Wilson and Michelle Hawkins</i> The AAHP has partnered with community organizations and churches to launch a COVID-19 testing initiative. Testing locations, dates, and times can be found on the AAHP COVID-19 website along with helpful resources, articles, and prevention information.</p>	N/A
<p>Hospital Workgroup Update <i>Suburban Hospital</i></p>	<p>Suburban Hospital will begin its Spanish Community Conversations on Friday, November 6th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.</p>	N/A



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CHNA Advisory Committee Update	The CHNA Advisory Committee held its first meeting on Friday, October 30 th , and will continue to meet monthly. The first meeting focused on the CHNA timelines, framework, committee roles and responsibilities and future meeting schedules. There were 26 committee members in attendance.	N/A
Announcements	<p>The late Michael Miller, Ride On bus driver, was awarded the Unsung Hero award from Montgomery County Transportation Services. The Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee would like to recognize and thank all essential workers for their continued hard work and dedication to the community.</p> <p>Amy Lindsey announced that the General Plan Public Comment Period has started and will remain open through December 2020.</p> <p>Karen Thompkins proposed new Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee meeting dates for 2021.</p>	Review proposed meeting dates <i>HMSC members</i>
Wrap-Up/Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The next Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee meeting will be on January 11, 2021.	N/A